

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-24 (*Cancelled*)

25. (*Currently Amended*) A method of treating or preventing pruritus in a mammal in need of such prevention or treatment, said method comprising administering to said mammal ~~an arylacetamide non-peptide~~ a kappa opiate receptor agonist, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, ~~that is devoid of central nervous system effects~~, in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said kappa opiate receptor agonist is an amine-containing, non-peptide, arylacetamide compound which is substituted with at least one polar group, and wherein said kappa opiate agonist is devoid of central nervous system effects.

26. (*Cancelled*)

27. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 25 in which said administration is topical.

28. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 25 in which said administration is systematic.

29. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 25 in which said administration is parenteral.

30. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 25 in which said administration is rectal.

31. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 25 in which said agonist is administered in an amount between about 0.05 mg and 500 mg.

32. (*Previously Presented*) The method of claim 31 in which said agonist is administered in an amount between about 1 mg and 200 mg.

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33. *(Cancelled)*